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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. *(Currently amended)* An absorbent article which defines a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections, said absorbent article comprising:
an absorbent body containing, at least in part, a superabsorbent, the absorbent body defining a length and a width; and
a topsheet;
a surge management layer positioned between the topsheet and the absorbent body
a vapor barrier positioned between the absorbent body and the topsheet; and
a second material;
wherein one or more regions of the absorbent body within the length and the width of the absorbent body contains less absorbent material than other regions of the absorbent body, and wherein the second material is positioned in at least one of the one or more regions of the absorbent body which contain less absorbent material.
2. *(Previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the reduction of absorbent material and the positioning of the second material in one or more regions of the promote flow of an insulting liquid from the one or more regions of the absorbent body containing less absorbent material to other regions of the article so as to change the fluid profile in the article.
3. *(Previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein absorbent material is absent from the one or more regions within the length and the width of the absorbent body.
4. *(Original)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the intermediate section comprises, at least in part, a crotch region and wherein the absorbent material is absent from the crotch region of the article.
5. *(Previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the second material is selected from one or more of the group consisting of surge, tissue, ~~or~~ and airlaid materials.
6. *(Cancelled)*

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7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) The absorbent article of Claim 7 1, wherein said vapor barrier comprises an opening above the one or more regions that contain less absorbent material.

9. (Currently amended) The absorbent article of Claim 6 1, wherein ~~further comprising a vapor barrier~~, said vapor barrier is positioned between the surge management layer and the topsheet.

10. (Currently amended) The absorbent article of Claim 6 1, ~~further comprising a vapor barrier~~, wherein said vapor barrier is positioned between the surge management layer and the topsheet; wherein and said vapor barrier comprises an opening above the one or more regions that contain less absorbent material.

11. (Previously presented) The absorbent article of Claim 1, further comprising a backsheet wherein the backsheet has a Water Vapor Transmission Rate of at least 2,500 g/m²/24hr.

12. (Currently amended) A composite system which defines a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections, said system comprising:

a superabsorbent-free material; and

an absorbent body, containing, at least in part a superabsorbent,

wherein the absorbent body defines a length₁ and a width and a height and includes a region within the length₁ ~~and the width~~ and the height of the absorbent body in which superabsorbent is absent; and

wherein the superabsorbent-free material is positioned in the region within the length₁ ~~and the width~~ and the height of the absorbent body in which the superabsorbent is absent.

13. (Currently amended) The composite system of Claim 12, wherein the region within the length₁ ~~and the width~~ and the height of the absorbent body in which super absorbent is absent promotes a reduction in time to move a liquid insult from the region within the length₁ ~~and the width~~ and the height of the absorbent body in which superabsorbent is absent to a portion of the absorbent body that includes the superabsorbent.

14. (Previously presented) The composite system of Claim 13, wherein a liquid insult is removed from the superabsorbent-free region to a superabsorbent containing portion of the absorbent body in less

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than about 2 minutes.

15. *(Previously presented)* The composite system of Claim 12, wherein the superabsorbent-free material comprises surge, tissue or airlaid material.

16. *(Currently amended)* A disposable absorbent article which comprises:

a vapor permeable backsheet which defines a Water Vapor Transmission Rate of at least about 1000 grams per square meter per 24 hours calculated according to a Water Vapor Transmission Test as set forth herein;

a liquid permeable topsheet;

a surge management layer located between said backsheet and said topsheet; and

a vapor barrier positioned between the surge management layer and the topsheet; and

an absorbent body located between said backsheet and said surge management layer, said absorbent body defining a length and a width and further includes a region within the length and the width of the absorbent body that contains less ~~absorbent~~ absorbent or no absorbent

a second material located between said backsheet and said surge management layer, said second material being positioned in the region within the length and the width of the absorbent body that contains less absorbent material or no absorbent material.

17. *(Cancelled)*

18. *(Currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 16, wherein the region within the length, and the width and the height of the absorbent body that contains less absorbent material or no absorbent material is located in the insult area of the absorbent article.

19. *(Cancelled)*

20. *(Currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 49 16, wherein the vapor barrier is a film, and wherein the vapor barrier reduces the evaporation from the absorbent body into the absorbent article.

21. *(Previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 17, wherein the second material is selected from the group consisting of surge, tissue or airlaid materials.

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22. *(Original)* The absorbent article of Claim 16, wherein said vapor permeable backsheet is substantially liquid impermeable.

23. *(Original)* The absorbent article product of Claim 16 is a personal care product.

24. *(Previously presented)* The personal care product of Claim 23, wherein the personal care product is selected from the group consisting of a diaper, training pant, absorbent underpant, adult incontinence product, feminine hygiene product, and hygiene products.

25. *(New)* A disposable absorbent article comprising the composite system of Claim 12.

26. *(New)* A diaper comprising the composite system of Claim 12.

27 - 38. *(Cancelled)*